Planning Commission's proposal to regulate NGOs

4490. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has made a proposal seeking to regulate the functioning and funding of Non-Government Organizations in the form of a Draft National Paper; and

(b) if so, the details and suggestions made by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Policy on the Voluntary Sector has been drafted by Planning Commission to facilitate the working of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The policy is at the advanced stage of consideration.

Attack on labourers camp at Rajouri

4491. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a labourers camp at Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir was attacked by militants on 30th March, 2007 killing five labourers and leaving injured as many, all belonging to the minority Hindu community in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have announced *ex-gratia* payment of any compensation to the next of kin of those killed and to the injured;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the intervening night of 29/30 March, 2007 terrorists killed 5 labourers and injured 3 others belonging to minority community.

(c) to (e) *Ex-gratia* relief of Rs. 1 lakh each has been paid to the next of kins of deceased.